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CHEROKEE FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), OGEN

SUBJECT: ODDS AND ENDS

1. THIS IS DICTATED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR PITTSBURGH. MY OFFICE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH ME CONSTANTLY SO THAT IF YOU HAVE ANY MESSAGES FOR ME IN PITTSBURGH OR ACTIONS YOU WANT ME TO TAKE HERE IN WASHINGTON, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FOLLOW UP DESPITE MY ABSENCE FROM THE CITY.

2. YOU AND I HAVE TALKED BEFORE ABOUT NAMING GRAHAM MARTIN, ON AN INTERIM BASIS, AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY. GRAHAM IS AMENABLE TO THIS PROPOSAL (IN FACT HE SUGGESTED IT), AND WE MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO USE HIM FOR A SPECIAL PROJECT OR TWO UNTIL WE REACH THE POINT OF MAKING A DECISION ON A FURTHER AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENT. IT OCCURS TO ME THAT THE BEST WAY TO DO THIS NOW WITHOUT ATTRACTING MUCH ATTENTION IS FOR YOU TO AUTHORIZE ME TO
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HAVE THE PRESS OFFICE POST THE FACT OF HIS APPOINTMENT

WHILE YOU ARE OUT OF THE COUNTRY. WITH YOUR OK I WILL GO AHEAD AND ARRANGE THIS. APPROVE...DISAPPROVE...

3. I HAVE TALKED TO DEAN RUSK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A PUBLIC APPEARANCE BY YOU IN ATLANTA ON MARCH 6. RUSK SAYS HE WILL THINK OVER WHAT POSSIBILITIES THERE MIGHT BE AND GET BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT TOMORROW. I HAVE ALERTED AMBASSADOR REINHARDT'S OFFICE TO THIS AND THEY WILL TRANSMIT TO YOU ANY IDEAS RUSK MAY HAVE, PLUS SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE TO PUT TO YOU THEMSELVES.

4. I HAVE ALSO TALKED TO BRYCE HARLOW ABOUT UPPING THE BUSINESS LEADERS DINNER INVITATION LIST TO AROUND 20. HE SAYS THAT THEY ARE NOW INVITING APPROXIMATELY 20 PEOPLE, ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT EXPECT THAT ALL WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND. HE SAID THAT HE FEELS VERY STRONGLY THAT THE DINNER OUGHT NOT GET TOO LARGE BECAUSE IT WILL INHIBIT CONVERSATION AND MEAN THAT THE DINNER WILL "NOT BE WORTH MUCH." HE SAYS THAT AN ATMOSPHERE OF INFORMALITY IS "TERRIBLY IMPORTANT." IN LIGHT OF THIS HARLOW REACTION, I DID NOT PUSH VERY HARD FOR AN EXPANDED GUEST LIST.

5. AS YOU KNOW THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE TAKING A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD FROM MARCH 20 TO APRIL 4. SCOWCROFT AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT WHO SHOULD ACCOMPANY HIM ON THE VARIOUS STAGES OF HIS VISIT. BOTH OF US BELIEVE THAT IT IS UNNECESSARY TO HAVE SOMEONE WITH HIM FOR THE EUROPEAN LEG OF THE TRIP, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE ROY ATHERTON MEET THE VICE PRESIDENT IN EUROPE AND FLY WITH HIM TO TEHRAN. IT IS HERE THAT WE BELIEVE SENSITIVE ISSUES MIGHT BE DISCUSSED AND THE VICE PRESIDENT COULD THEREFORE USE SOME EXPERT ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE. ATHERTON COULD THEN LEAVE HIM IN TEHRAN AND THE VICE PRESIDENT COULD BE JOINED BY SOMEONE FROM EA FOR THE ASIAN PORTION OF THE TRIP. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WE NEED TO SEND HABIB ON THIS PORTION OF THE VISIT OR CAN DROP DOWN A NOTCH AND SEND MILLER. SCOWCROFT AND I BELIEVE MILLER WOULD BE ADEQUATE. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS, HOWEVER.

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(A) NO NEED TO SEND ANYONE WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT TO EUROPE.... SEND SOMEONE FROM HARTMAN'S OFFICE FOR THE EUROPEAN LEG OF THE TRIP....

(B) ATHERTON OK FOR TEHRAN VISIT.... PREFER....

(C) MILLER OK FOR ASIAN PORTION OF VISIT.... PREFER HABIB....

6. I HATE TO BUG YOU BUT WAYNE HAYS IS GETTING A BIT
IMPATIENT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR APPEARING BEFORE
HIS APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AT 10:30 A.M., ON
FEBRUARY 25TH. I KNOW THIS IS THE DAY AFTER YOU ARRIVE
AND THAT YOU WILL BE APPEARING BEFORE SLACK FOR THE SAME

SORT OF PERFORMANCE ON THE 26TH. NEVERTHELESS I RECOMMEND
YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO TELL HAYS YOU WILL APPEAR. AS I HAVE
TOLD YOU BEFORE, IT IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND IS
STRICTLY A BULL SESSION ON THE STATE OF THE WORLD. HAYS
PROMISES THAT IT WILL TAKE NO MORE THAN AN HOUR AND A
HALF. APPROVE APPEARANCE BEFORE HAYS 10:30 A.M.,
FEBRUARY 25.... DISAPPROVE.... PREFER.... INGERSOLL

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